

From the Mayor's Desk:

As a City we have accomplished quite a few projects that will benefit us through the years. I would like to bring you up to date on some of the projects we have accomplished.

We have completed upgrades to the Sewer Treatment Plant. These upgrades have doubled our capacity, significantly improving our ability to treat wastewater. We have completed several sampling cycles and the results have been extremely good. We are achieving results that far exceed our permit standards.

Our street repair and rebuild project for 2010 is now complete and we are in the process of touching up a few minor items. We have been able to complete this project considerably under the estimated cost. We will be reviewing additional street repair and rebuild projects this winter for the upcoming year.

The Lincoln Highway Park has been a nice addition to our parks system, but there are still improvements that need to be completed at the site. We will be installing a walking trail through the park with some benches in the near future. We also hope to have a picnic site and other improvements as well. The Cherry Street Park has seen new fall zone material placed around the playground equipment and we have begun construction of a "tot lot" playground at the Little League Baseball field. A new park at Quirk Street and Harvest Lane which is between South Willow Ranches and South Willow Estates is in the planning stage. Work on this park should be started in the spring of 2011. The park will be approximately 10 acres in size.

The City Hall heating and air conditioning system needed to be upgraded due to mounting maintenance and repair costs. This prompted the City to apply for a grant to pay for the installation of new equipment and other energy saving systems. With these funds we obtained a solar electric generation and battery system, the replacement of our old lighting system with energy efficient bulbs and ballasts at City Hall and new heaters at the recreation building. In total we received almost \$250,000.00 in grant funding. The new system will allow the City to sell back power to Rocky Mountain Power. In 13 days we generated 1300 KW of power and we were able to sell power back to Rocky Mountain Power.

We would like to thank all of the community volunteers that worked with us during the past year. They perform a valuable service to our community. Through their service and dedication there were many programs that were offered to our citizens and our youth which improved the quality of life in our community.

We will continue to work diligently on future projects to improve our City. One such project is expanding the Grantsville Cemetery. The City is planning to expand the cemetery across the street north of the J. Reuben Clark Farm Home. Another project we are working on in cooperation with Tooele County is the trail system that will interconnect Tooele Valley. The City is working on a new trailhead on the Mormon Trail to allow for more recreational opportunities.

As winter approaches we encourage all citizens to have an emergency preparedness plan. If you or a person you know has special needs please let the City know so we can be aware of these circumstances. The City has an emergency preparedness plan, but we would also like to know of the needs of individuals so we will be able to provide special services when necessary.

I have enjoyed serving as Mayor the past year. I have received a great deal of support from the City Council as well as the community. We have many things left to accomplish and are diligently working towards that. Grantsville City is a wonderful community. At this time I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year.

Mayor Brent Marshall
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